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Chief, POW

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Message to JAYHAWK from Ukrainian Team

In accordance with our request to be informed promptly of any messages exchanged between JAYHAWK and their Ukrainian teams, we have received from SMASH the letter quoted below:

"1. A further exchange of W/T messages with our party in Western Ukraine took place on August 19th.

"2. On this occasion we transmitted the enquiry about the joint Anglo-American message contained in the last paragraph of our letter of August 21st (LAND 0091), but have not, as yet, received a reply to it.

"3. The field then came back with two longish messages containing replies to questions transmitted on July 27th asking for the group's experience on landing. The following was the content of these messages:

"Destruction of all traces after landing and at every halting place is essential, as also the concealment of the mail and reserve ammunition. Larger food supplies are recommended, if weight allows. Villages are to be entered as little as possible as they contain many MGB agents and provocateurs. Meetings with casual people are to be avoided. The physical training of members of the team is most important as marching in bad weather and hunger are the usual accompaniment of partisan life. Every man should be equipped with good maps and trained in the use of a compass."

"4. As you will see from this message much of it was repeating the obvious and therefore of no great value. It showed however that the party is making progress, though still on the move.

"5. Security checks of the messages were satisfactory and up to the present we have no reason to suspect enemy control."

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